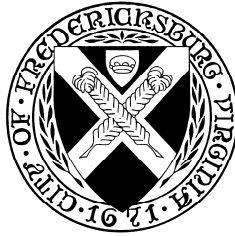


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**Closure of Jefferson Davis Highway (US Route 1) in City of
Fredericksburg to Permit Erection of Pedestrian Bridge**

On **Friday, January 15 at 8:00 PM**, Jefferson Davis Highway (US Route 1) will be closed to traffic between College Avenue and Alvey Drive (just south of Mary Washington Boulevard) to permit the erection of a pedestrian bridge connecting the University of Mary Washington campus with the Eagle Village development.

During the closure, north bound through traffic and large truck traffic will be detoured via Route 3 west to I-95 north and local traffic to Route 3 east (Blue and Gray Parkway) to Lafayette Boulevard (Business Route 1). Local traffic will also be permitted to continue to Snowden Street, where it will be detoured to College Avenue, then to William Street and Caroline Street.

South bound Route 1 through traffic and large truck traffic, approaching the City from Stafford County, will be detoured via Route 17 north to I-95 south or will have the option of continuing across the Rappahannock River and turning left onto Princess Anne Street and continuing to Lafayette Boulevard and Route 3 west. Local south bound traffic will be permitted to continue as far as Mary Washington Boulevard.

Access to the Mary Washington Hospital campus will be maintained at all times during the closure. Motorists approaching from the south will need to use Cowan Boulevard and Hospital Drive to access the campus. Motorists approaching from the north will be permitted to enter the campus via Mary Washington Boulevard. Access to all local businesses and residences in the vicinity will also be maintained during the closure.

See the attached maps for through traffic and local traffic detours as well as routes to the hospital campus during the closure.

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The closure is anticipated to remain in effect until no later than **noon, Sunday, January 17**. If the road must remain closed beyond that time, announcements will be made on area radio stations and a notice will be posted on the City's website (www.fredericksburgva.gov).

“City staff, representatives of Eagle Village, Mary Washington Hospital staff and others have been working over recent months to develop a traffic management plan for this event”, according to City Director of Public Works Doug Fawcett. “We understand that the closure will be disruptive to traffic in this area, but the pedestrian bridge will provide for safe passage of those needing to cross Route 1 on foot, not only those affiliated with the University of Mary Washington, but the general public as well, for many years in the future. The short term inconvenience is justified by the long term benefits of this project. The three day Martin Luther King Holiday weekend was selected as the period for the erection of the bridge in an effort to reduce the impact on traffic in the area during weekday work periods.” Fawcett also stated that, after the erection of the bridge structure, there will be a period during the completion of the construction of the bridge that lane closures through the project area will be required, but that no additional complete closures of the road to traffic are anticipated. Additional information about the timing of the lane closures will be provided at the appropriate time.

The traffic management plan provides for the re-opening of the north bound lanes of Route 1 through the project area on short notice if an incident occurs on I-95 that requires the re-routing of I-95 traffic to Route 1. “One of the biggest challenges to the planning for this project is that Route 1 is the primary detour route for I-95 traffic if an accident or other incident occurs on the interstate that requires diversion of I-95 traffic in the immediate vicinity of the City”, Fawcett said. “This situation has been addressed during the planning for this event.”

Motorists are urged to take the road closure into account and allow extra time to reach their destination as they plan travel in the vicinity of the project during the closure period. Motorists are also urged to avoid using the streets through the hospital campus unless they have business on the campus during this period, since additional traffic congestion could affect the ability of emergency vehicles to access the hospital.

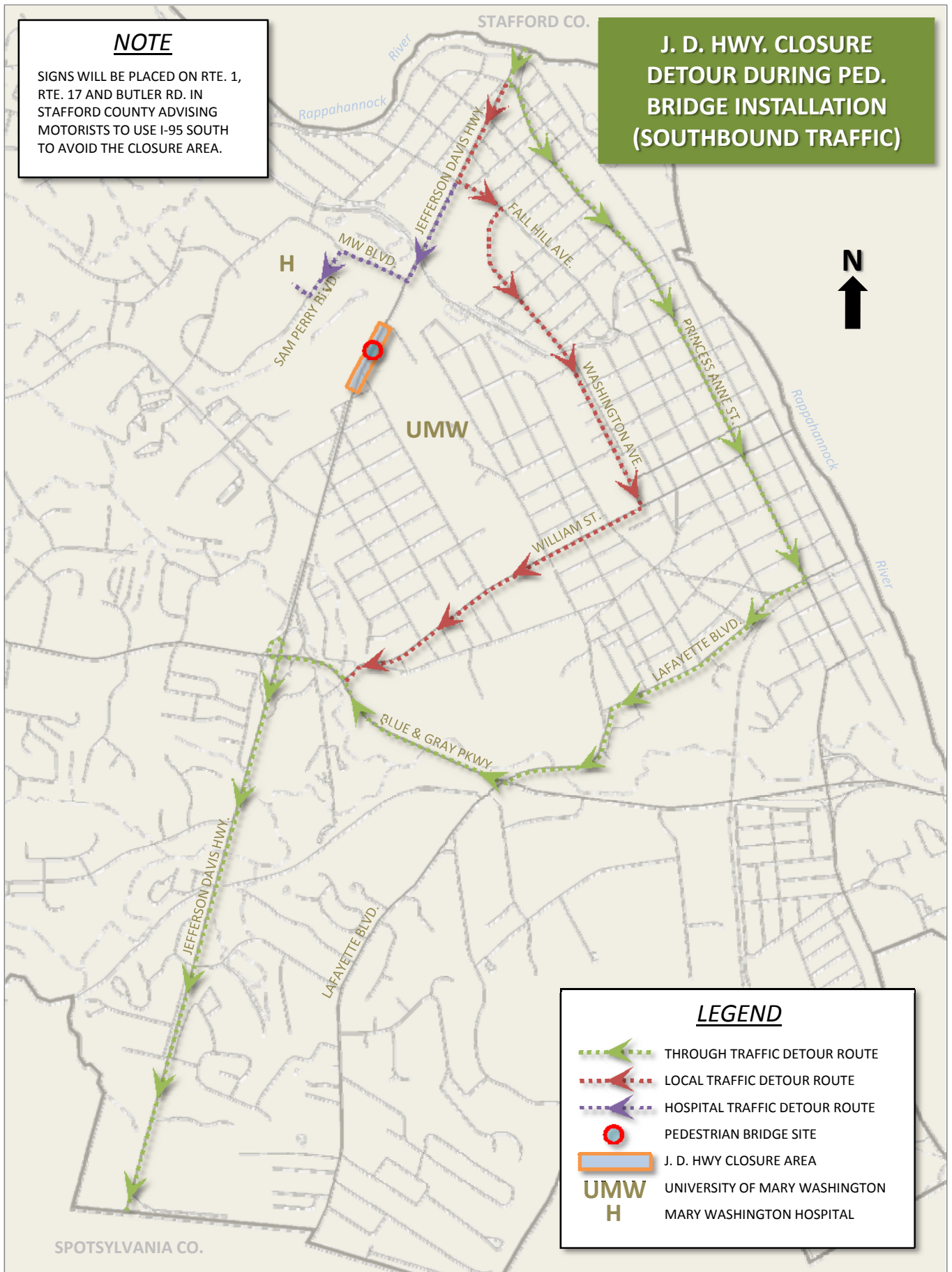
Significant inclement weather will require a postponement of the scheduled work. An announcement of any such postponement will be distributed to area media and posted on the City's website as soon as the postponement decision is made.

Attachments: Detour Maps (2)

NOTE

SIGNS WILL BE PLACED ON RTE. 1,
RTE. 17 AND BUTLER RD. IN
STAFFORD COUNTY ADVISING
MOTORISTS TO USE I-95 SOUTH
TO AVOID THE CLOSURE AREA.

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to I-95 North;
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at Exit 133A-
Falmouth

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-  LOCAL TRAFFIC DETOUR ROUTES
-  HOSPITAL TRAFFIC DETOUR ROUTE
-  PEDESTRIAN BRIDGE SITE
-  J. D. HWY CLOSURE AREA
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